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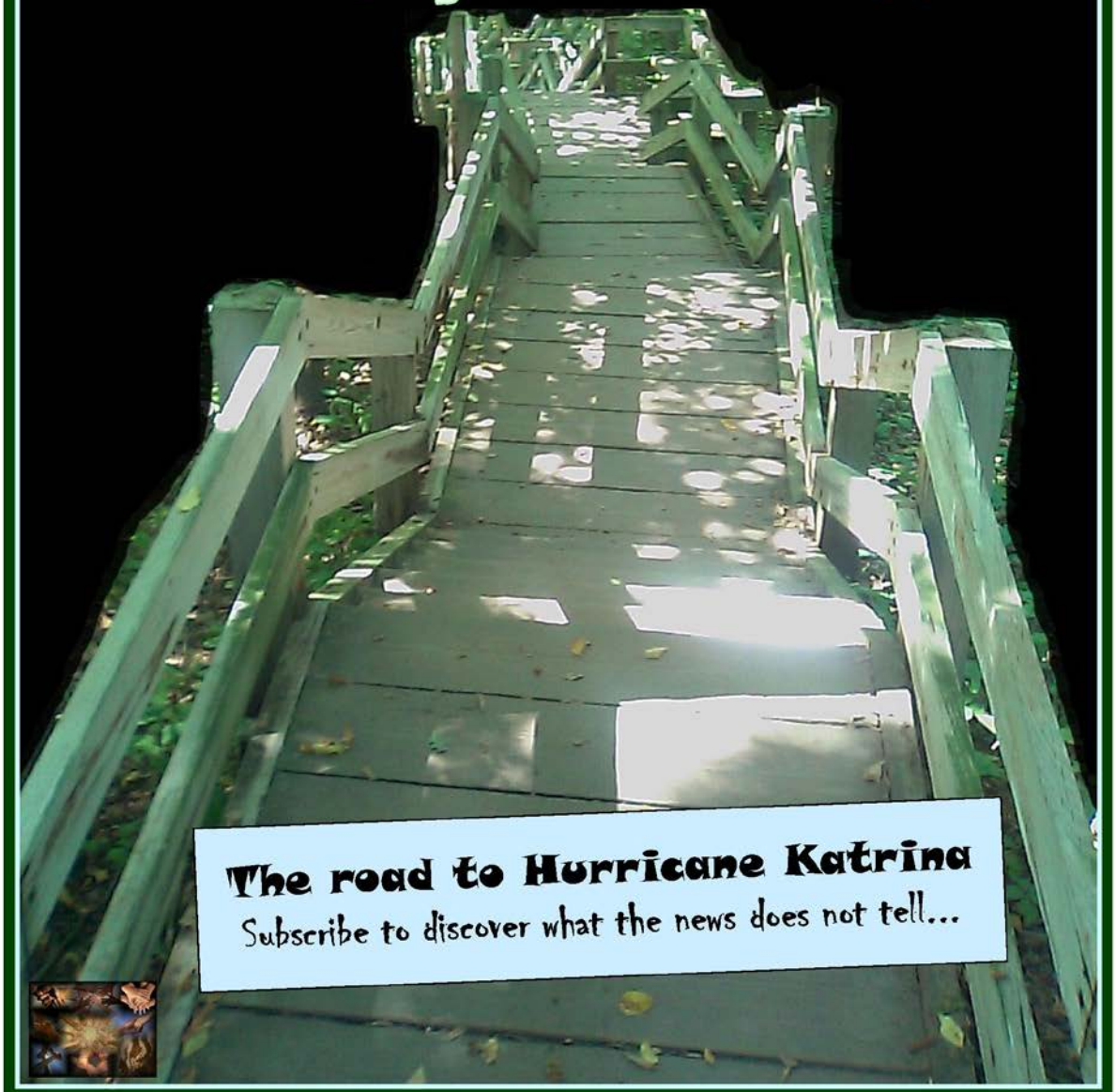

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October 2009. HH arranged to help several causes along the way from Fargo ND to New Orleans to help rebuild from hurricane damage. Starting with a 2nd visit to the family dealing with the accidental death near Fargo. (continued from issue #3) Just as the property was getting cleaned up and the families mechanic repair business was caught up, their house burned to the ground!

ABOVE: T helps separate the charred remains to clear way for the new home. Helping Hands coordinated with the local Red Cross to obtain food & temporary shelter while locating a replacement home.

From Fargo, T traveled to the Twin Cities to help sell some items to raise money and provide home repairs for a disabled grandmother. He then travels down the Mississippi River and across Wisconsin to help a single mom remodel a property she inherited from the passing of her father.

During the weekend of the Fargo Blues Festival, T meets with Blues Musician Tab Benoit to talk about the New Orleans "Save the Wetlands" Organization and Shhmokewear CEO, William Pallagi to discuss sponsoring Helping Hands Network efforts to protect the industrial hemp industry. Additional time was spent volunteering in a Fargo Community garden.

I passed many American icons on my way from Fargo to NOLA.

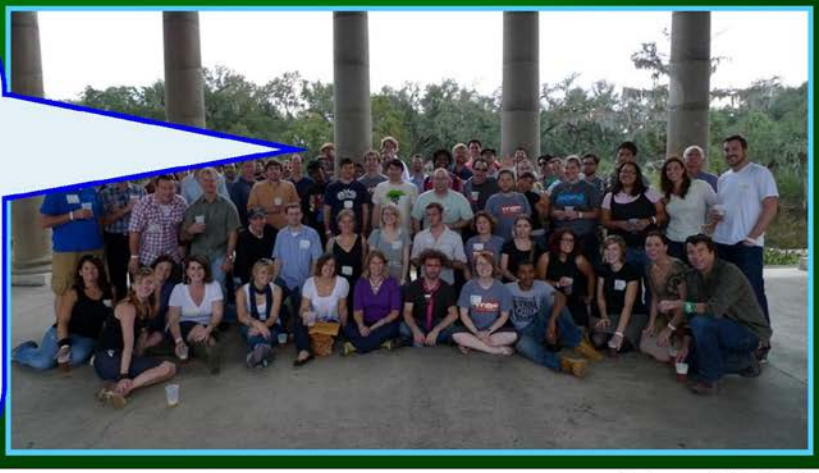
I visited the Fargo Viking Museum, Wisconsin Dells, an Illinois Calvary Fort, an abandoned train car and many amazing hiking trails.

In Illinois, a single mom had been writing about her depression so T went to help her feel needed while preparing her property for sale. Repairing plumbing, painting and other home improvements relieved her stress so she could take time for herself to deal with the death of her father.

From Illinois T had to rush to New Orleans in time to network at the TribeCon & Voodoo music festival. The promoter sponsored the Helping Hands Founder to talk about the charity movement.

After the conference T went around helping the neighborhood rebuild from hurricane Katrina. He camped in central park for the first week before being offered a shelter.

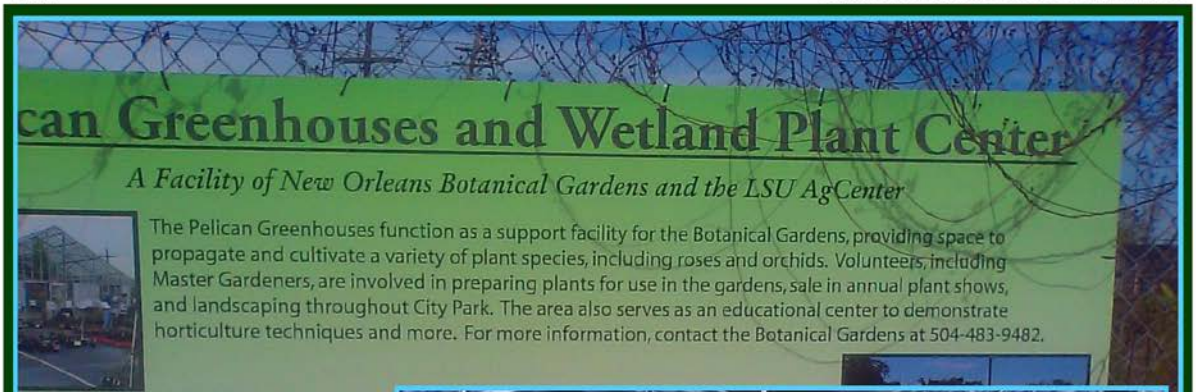
I enjoyed networking with this wonderful group of Louisiana's finest. We put our minds together as a Tribe and helped increase each others causes. My new friends included some great artists, authors and the founders of the fundraising website KickStarter.



I was provided access to a VIP lounge during the festival and got to meet several musicians. At the end of the week, I led a recycling clean up group to improve New Orleans central park.

ABOVE: T and "Save the Wetlands" spokesman musician, Tab Benoit meet for the 3rd time during an effort to save the city park wetlands. T would work with hundreds of helpers over the month of November 2010, nursing & replacing plants, removing hurricane debris & helping others in need.

BELOW: HH coordinates a teams of college volunteers to revitalize New Orleans central park.



T spent the 2010 winter holidays with family in East Texas and helped clean up properties and parks covered in debris.

Texas has never structured a recycling industry & the education system is funded by dirty energy companies like Exxon. Renewable , recycling & sustainability programs teach the people how to minimize and use resources in methods which decrease the opposition's profits so bureaucratic regulations are created to stop them.

HH members in Texas work with programs who are trying to stand up for change.

BELOW: Parks and nature preserves under Federal protection, like this one have been replaced with buildings thanks to campaign contributions to the home state President, Bush Jr.

Coal power plants are placed on State protected parks, spewing toxic sludge into the lakes.

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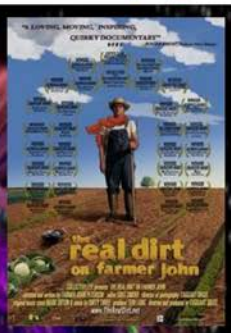

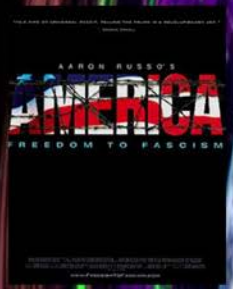

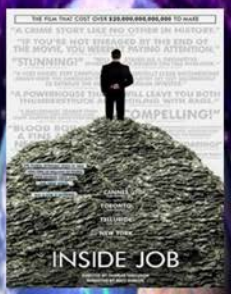

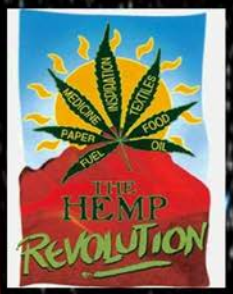

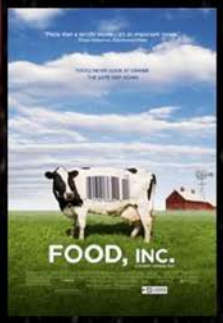

2009 was a year for reaching out to others! Answering calls for HELP from the Northern US border to the Southern led to hundreds of new friends and supporters for our efforts.
If you would like to learn more about any of the causes in this issue, please send us an email!
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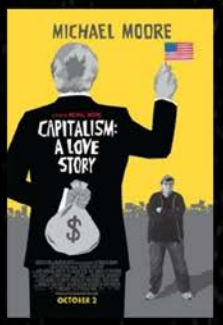

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